

Memorandum

To: All Teale Data Center Customers

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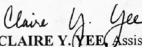
Subject: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

As many of our customers already know, the recently enacted Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) significantly alters the existing practices and procedures of the health care industry. It includes important protection for millions of Americans and their families and requires that state, county and city government agencies comply with the regulations.

HIPAA will bring substantive changes to some business processes and information systems for many organizations and may create a need on the part of "covered entities" to implement new or additional processes to protect confidential, personally-identifiable medical information. Therefore, each customer should consult with its legal staff to determine if their agency is a "covered entity" under HIPAA. If so, please contact your Customer Relations Representative at (916) 464-3712 (CALNET 433-3712) to discuss any new or additional security procedures you may wish to implement.

To assist customers in understanding the HIPAA laws, rules and requirements, the Health and Human Services Data Center (HHSDC) Training Office is pleased to announce a wide range of seminars scheduled at locations throughout the State. The first course offering is the *Executive Overview* which will provide executives, managers and project leaders with information to assist them in determining the impact the new regulations will have on their organizations.

Additional courses will be available later this summer and will cover the specific skills necessary to successfully implement HIPAA. For more information regarding registration, course content and class schedules, please log on to www.training.ca.gov or call the HHSDC Training Office at (916) 739-7502.


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